



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Overview Briefing for:

JECVO

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Presented by BG Benjamin F. Adams, III
Commissioner KDVA

Agenda



- Cemeteries/Burial Honors
- Veterans Benefits Branch
- Nursing Facilities
- Homeless Program
- Women Veterans Program
- KYVETS
- Upcoming Events



Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries

As of February 28, 2018

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central



Opened June 1, 2007

Interments:

Veterans	4,510
Dependents	<u>1,082</u>
Total	5,592

Cremated	1,687
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North



Opened August 22, 2008

Interments:

Veterans	1,237
Dependents	<u>271</u>
Total	1,508

Cremated	569
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West



Opened March 1, 2004

Interments:

Veterans	2,863
Dependents	<u>1,046</u>
Total	3,909

Cremated	1,109
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East



Opened October 1, 2010

Interments:

Veterans	723
Dependents	<u>148</u>
Total	871

Cremated	255
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Total : 11,880

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East

Completed construction in Leslie County, Kentucky.



Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East

- Staff now occupying Administration Building
- Dedication ceremony scheduled
 - **April 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**
- Cemetery Manager, Administrative Specialist, and two Caretakers have been hired.
- Operations to begin on May 1, 2018

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KDVA Field Operations

Headquarters for the KDVA Field Benefits Office is located with the US Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Louisville.

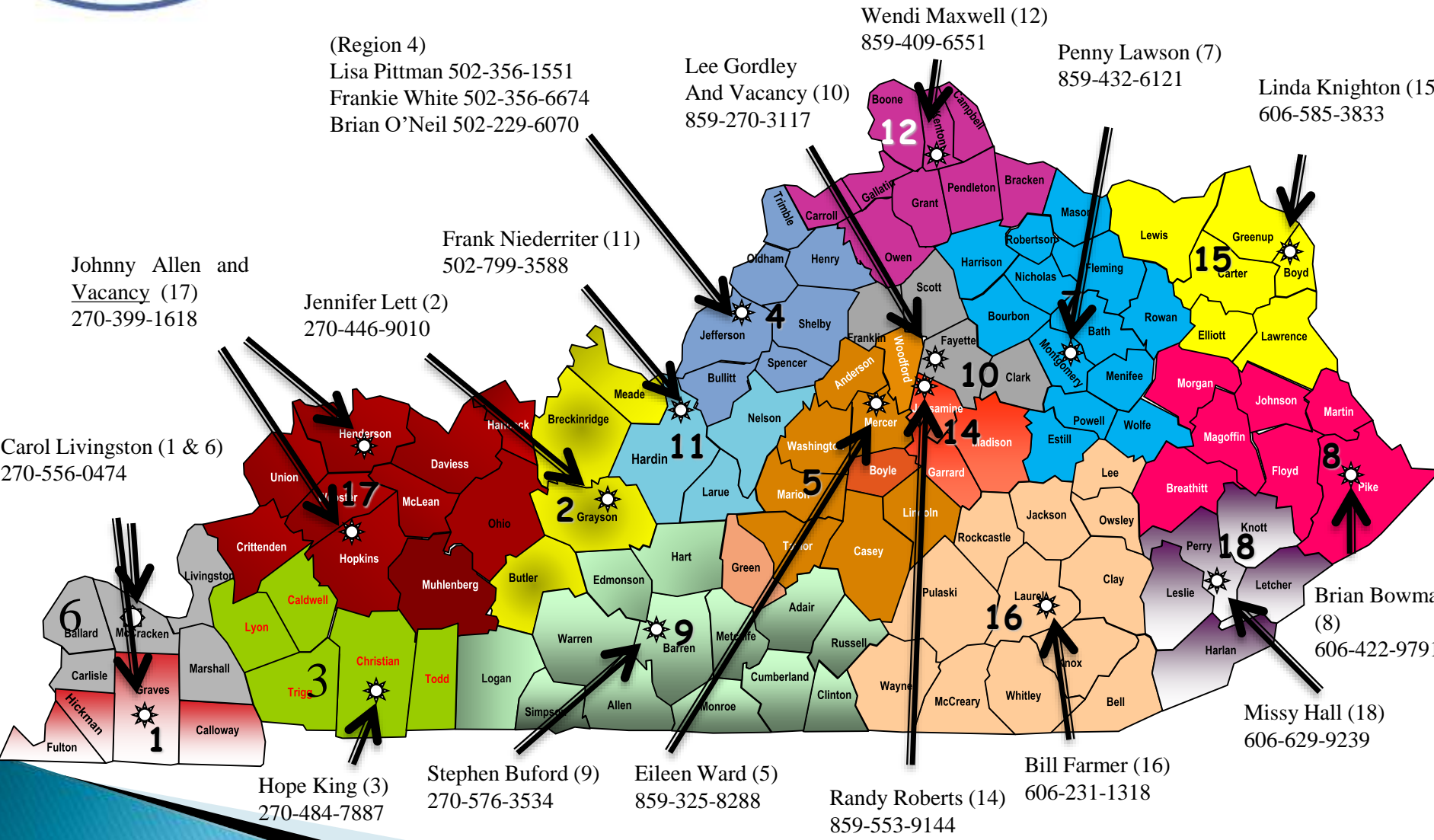
- Leadership and Staff consist of the following:
 - Ray Harris, Benefits Branch Manager
 - 5 Regional Administrators
 - Monica Acob, Ed Day, Matt LaPierre, Allen James & 1 Vacancy
 - 20 Field Benefits Representatives
 - 17 regions across Kentucky
 - Donna Scrivener Appeals Management
 - 2 Administrative Specialists





KDVA Field Operations

20 Field Representatives in 17 Regions



KDVA Field Operations



2017 Statistics and Highlights:

- Census Numbers for Kentucky Veterans: 308,000 (Note: does not include family members eligible for services).
- 2017 KDVA filed claims: 7800
 - NOTE: KDVA was #2 nationally in digitally processed claim activity.
- 2017 KDVA Tuition Waiver applications:
495 Processed/433 Approved
- 2017 KDVA Appeals identified, processed and vetted to Federal VA appeals board: 600+

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Kentucky State Veterans Homes



Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore, KY
285 Beds



Western Kentucky Veterans Center,
Hanson, KY
156 Beds




Radcliff Veterans Center, Radcliff KY
120 Beds



Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center,
Hazard KY
120 Beds

Current

- ▶ **Personal Services Contracts** – have hired at least 12 licensed nurses
 - ▶ **Staffing Vacancies** continue to contribute to delayed admissions
 - ▶ **Paul E Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center** attained a **5 Star** rating from CMS
 - ▶ **Thomson-Hood Veterans Center** secure unit re-opened with all private rooms
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17 KAR 203.020 Charges

- ▶ Updated rates are contained in 17 KAR 203.020

Semi Private Rooms \$4,000.00/month

Private Rooms \$4,500.00/month

CLC Suites \$5,000.00/month



Bowling Green Application

State clearing house (30 day process) will begin once a site is selected. Ideally this should be done before the August 1, 2018 deadline, however, it doesn't necessarily stop the application

The application is eligible for consideration for the Priority One list as of August 1, 2018.



Radcliff Veterans Center Update

- 30 veterans currently in residence
- Forecasting possible admissions into the 2nd neighborhood within the next month


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KDVA Homeless Veterans Program

Recent Accomplishments & Updates

- ▶ Provided financial assistance to over 30 veterans in the month of February in the amount of \$6,435 (avg \$214 per veteran)
 - ▶ Partnering with HPI (Housing Partnership Inc.) to find permanent housing for homeless veterans by utilizing some foreclosures in the Louisville area
 - ▶ Beginning Spring out reach projects across the state
 - ▶ Partnering with Women Veteran Coordinator for four veteran resource events across the state in 2018.
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KY Women Veterans Program

Updates:

- First Women Veterans Lunch & Learn planned:
 - Location: Building Industry Association of Northern KY, 2715 Circleport Dr, Erlanger, KY
 - Date: April 24, 2018
 - Time: 10 am-2pm
 - Lunch & Learns topics will cover various Women Veterans related issues (i.e. MST, Discharge Upgrades, Legislation and more)
 - Continue to partner with external organizations to provide outreach
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Clara Avenue Project



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Kentucky Veterans Employment, Training, and Support Program

KY Vets Employer services:

- ▶ education on why hiring veterans is good business
- ▶ matching veterans skills to their employment needs
- ▶ free advertisement of positions
- ▶ top talent referrals

Three Key Areas:

- Education
- Training
- Retention



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Upcoming Events & News

- General Assembly 2018 Regular Session – through April – KDVA Budget is top priority
- 26 April 2018 – Dedication of Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Southeast



Questions?